

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Garrett
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:	Broadwater-Frost house	RAZED
AND/OR HISTORIC:		

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:			
Main Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Reform Street			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Grantsville		Sixth	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Garrett	023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:	Estate of the late Miss Marion Viola Broadwater
STREET AND NUMBER:	Grant, Oakland) (Executor: Charles O. Bender, Grantsville Attorney: William
CITY OR TOWN:	Grantsville
STATE:	Maryland
CODE	24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	Garrett County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:	South Third Street at Alder Street
CITY OR TOWN:	Oakland
STATE:	Maryland
CODE	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Broadwater-Frost house stands on the southerly side of Main Street (U.S. Route 40) between Pennsylvania Avenue and Reform Street in Grantsville, northern Garrett County. The ground around the building rises in a southerly direction.

The house is a two thirds Georgian form^l frame structure, two and a half stories high. It has clapboard siding, a stone foundation (now nearly all covered by cement), and a tin roof. A two and a half story frame wing projects out the back or south side. A two story porch on the east side of the wing was enclosed on both levels in recent years. The upper level of the enclosed porch has clapboards and the lower section has vertical siding. The roof line of the main portion runs east/west and that of the wing north/south. An internal brick chimney rises on the west end of the main portion. The upper bricks of this chimney appear to be newer than the lower ones.

The principal facade has three bays with the entrance way in the easterly bay and two openings in (north side) the foundation wall under the middle and westerly bays. Three bays exist along the west side of the main portion and two along the west side of the wing. The west gable end of the main portion has a pent roof and no attic window. The east side of the main portion has only one window on the first floor, none on the second, and one in the attic. While the east gable end does not presently have a pent roof, there is evidence that one probably originally existed. The siding on the east gable wall from just above the first floor window to the peak of the roof is narrower than that found on the other sides of the main portion. The clapboard above the upper bays on the facade is pieced as are the tops of the vertical strips on the northeast corner. The roof overhang is narrow on the east end in comparison to that on the west gable end. The attic window on the east side is different (newer in appearance) than those of the main portion of the structure.

The back of the wing is blank. There is a door with a set of steps leading down from the second floor level of the enclosed area and a window on the first floor of the enclosure. The east side of the enclosed area has two small windows and a door on the first floor and two small windows on the second floor.

The major windows of the structure are double-hung, wooden sashes with six-over-six lights. The window frames and sills are thin. The front door is paneled but is from a later period. There is a transom with one light above the door. The trim around the windows of the enclosure is of the type used in the twentieth century.

A one and a half story frame shed with a gable roof sets to the south of the house.

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Broadwater-Frost house

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

The interior of the first floor consists of four large rooms including the kitchen, a wide entrance hall, and an enclosed porch. There are fireplaces with internal chimneys in each of the four principal rooms. The room next to the kitchen or back room has chair railing around it. The entrance hall and the enclosed porch are arranged along the easterly side of the principal rooms. A narrow set of enclosed winding steps to the second story is located between the two rooms in the wing. Both stairways lead only to the second floor. A bathroom was installed under the main staircase in recent years.

The arrangement of rooms on the second floor varies somewhat from the first floor because the back rooms of this floor were converted for an apartment in recent years. The entrance to the apartment is the door on the south side of the enclosed porch. The front room and the hall were not included in the apartment although none of the doors leading into the hall were closed. In recent years, a bathroom and closets were built into the hall. The only second floor room presently with a fireplace is the front room. There is no visible evidence of other fireplaces on this floor. The only entrance to the attic is by a wooden ladder mounted to a wall in the wing near the back steps.

The interior decorative detailing is "country Greek" in style. The doorways and fireplaces are trimmed with basic classical architectural elements--columns flanking the opening with an entablature across the top--in the plain, flat manner found commonly in rural areas. The mantelpieces in the kitchen and upstairs room are less inspired than those of the other rooms. The doors of the principal rooms have two vertical narrow panels: some flat, some raised. Several of the doors have metal latches with broad knobs but no markings of identification. A graining pattern is visible beneath the varnish brush strokes on the door leading from the landing of the main staircase onto the enclosed porch. The newel post of the main staircase is slender with a vase turning surmounted by a block with a mushroom-like knob on top. The balustrade is made up of turned elements. Similar balustrades can be found in other early mid-nineteenth century houses of western Maryland. The interior trim is presently (1974) painted white.

The floor boards, or those visible, are wide. The plaster walls are mostly paper. It is possible that several of the rooms may have had chair rail which has since been removed and covered with paper. None of the fireplaces are operable and only one chimney, now used for the furnace, pierces the roof.

(See continuation sheet No. 2)

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian; ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) early to mid 1800's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Broadwater-Frost house is primarily significant for its architecture. The building is representative of a rural, domestic form of architecture of the early to mid-nineteenth century. The design combines the informality of the vernacular with the formality of the more fashionable Georgian style. This is most evident in the facade which is symmetrically arranged but, otherwise, has few signs of aesthetic strivings. Other important architectural features are the pent roof, an element not commonly found in Western Maryland, and the evidence of the use of graining for early interior decoration. The exact date of construction of the Broadwater-Frost house is not known although the stylistic features indicate the 1830's or 1840's.

Present day Grantsville was established about 1832 near the site of the earlier settlement founded by Hanson Grant (The original settlement had completely disappeared by the late nineteenth century.) Grantsville in 1840 is described as consisting of four dwellings, one hotel, and a blacksmith shop. (The Glades Star, p. 18). The "new" town was not formally planned but, soon after establishment, a number of lots were sold off by several entrepreneurs, one of which was Adam Schultz. Schultz, who moved to Grantsville from Somerset County, Pennsylvania about 1836, was involved in several business activities including tanning, land speculation, and operating a hotel. In 1836 Schultz purchased about 840 acres of land in and around Grantsville. The lot on which the Broadwater-Frost house stands was probably included in this tract. Schultz sold the lot in 1849. The house, which is large and was obviously erected for someone with a high financial standing, is believed to have been built for Schultz.

The property was purchased by Thomas Frost in 1878 as a gift, according to tradition, for a daughter who was married to J. S. Broadwater, a merchant. Ownership passed on to the two daughters of J. S. Broadwater in the 1940's. The last surviving daughter died in Spring, 1974.

The future of the Broadwater-Frost house is in question. Miss Broadwater bequeathed the property to either the Garrett County Historical Society or the Ruth Enlow Library, Garrett County; however, neither organization is in the position to

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.
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 Glassie, Henry, Pattern In the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1968.
 "Grantsville, Maryland." Glades Star (No. 2, 30 June 1950) published for the Garrett County Historical Society, Oakland, Maryland.
 Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, Vol. II. Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 64 feet by 166 feet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey

ORGANIZATION

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.

DATE

Sept. 27, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:

Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn

CITY OR TOWN:

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Arthur C. Townsend

Title State Historic Preservation
Officer

Date

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

The general condition of the Broadwater-Frost house is good although the floors of the back rooms in the wing may need structural work. The basic structure appears to be intact as do most of the original features--decorative detailing, room arrangement, etc.

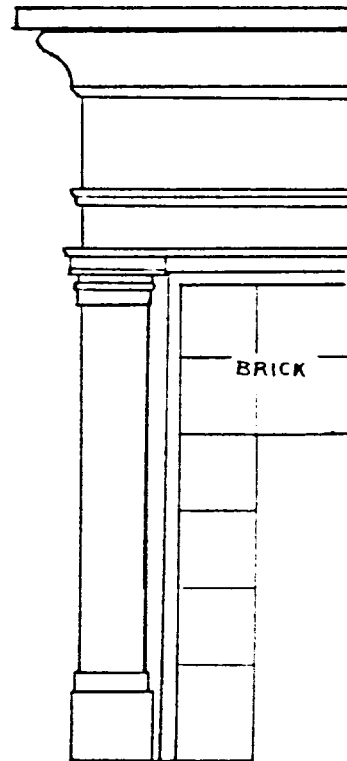
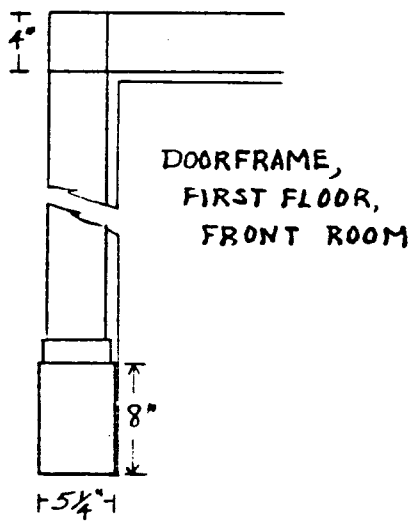
¹The side-hall with two parlors room arrangement is referred to by Henry Glassie in Pattern In the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States (1968) as being two-thirds of the full Georgian form.

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

accept the gift and both have, therefore, rejected it. Under this condition, the property goes to a resident of Grantsville who intends to donate it to a local church. There is some question as to whether or not the church has a use for the building. Demolition of the Broadwater-Frost house would be a serious blow to the architectural and historical heritage of Western Maryland and its maintenance, and possible restoration, should be encouraged.

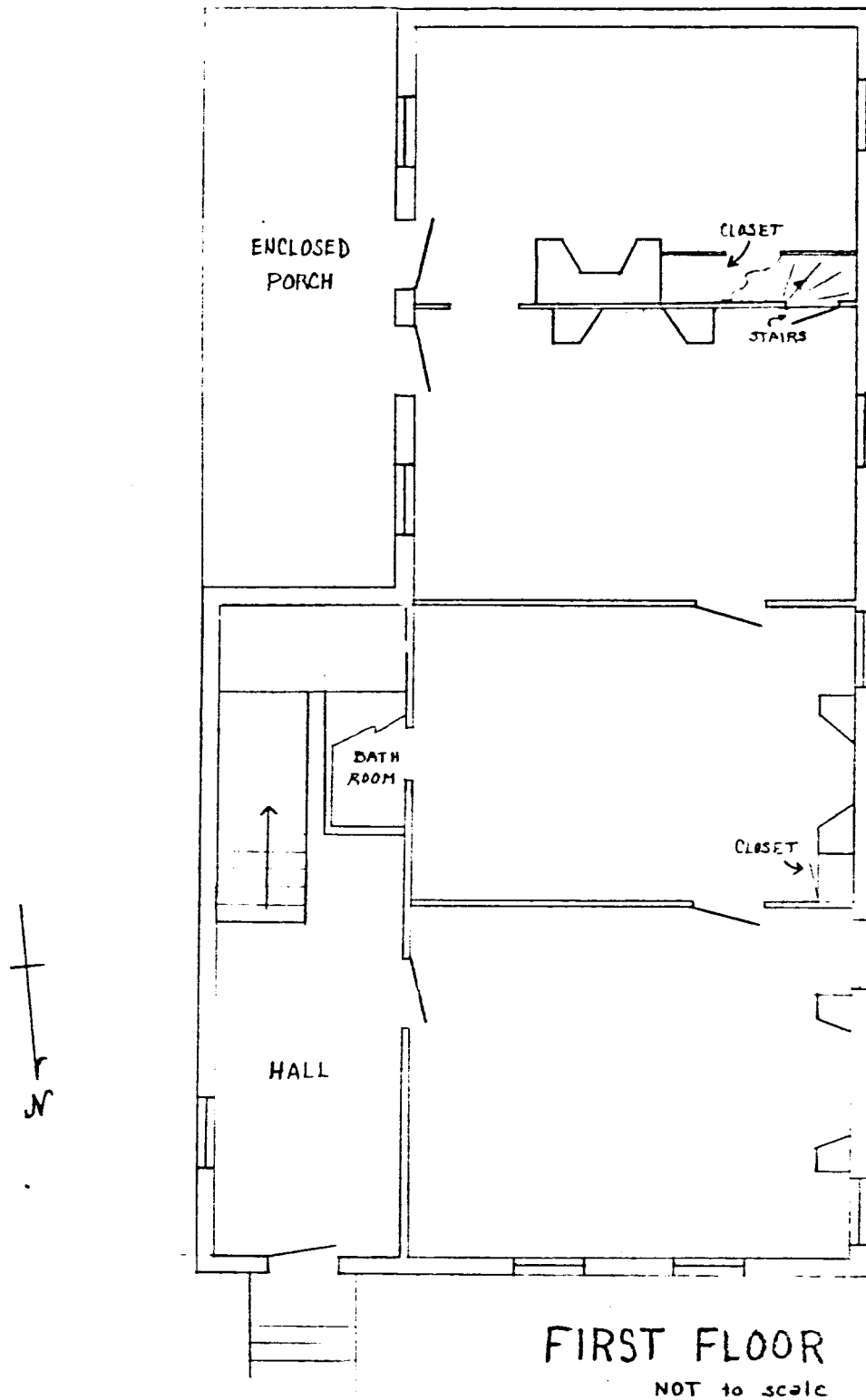


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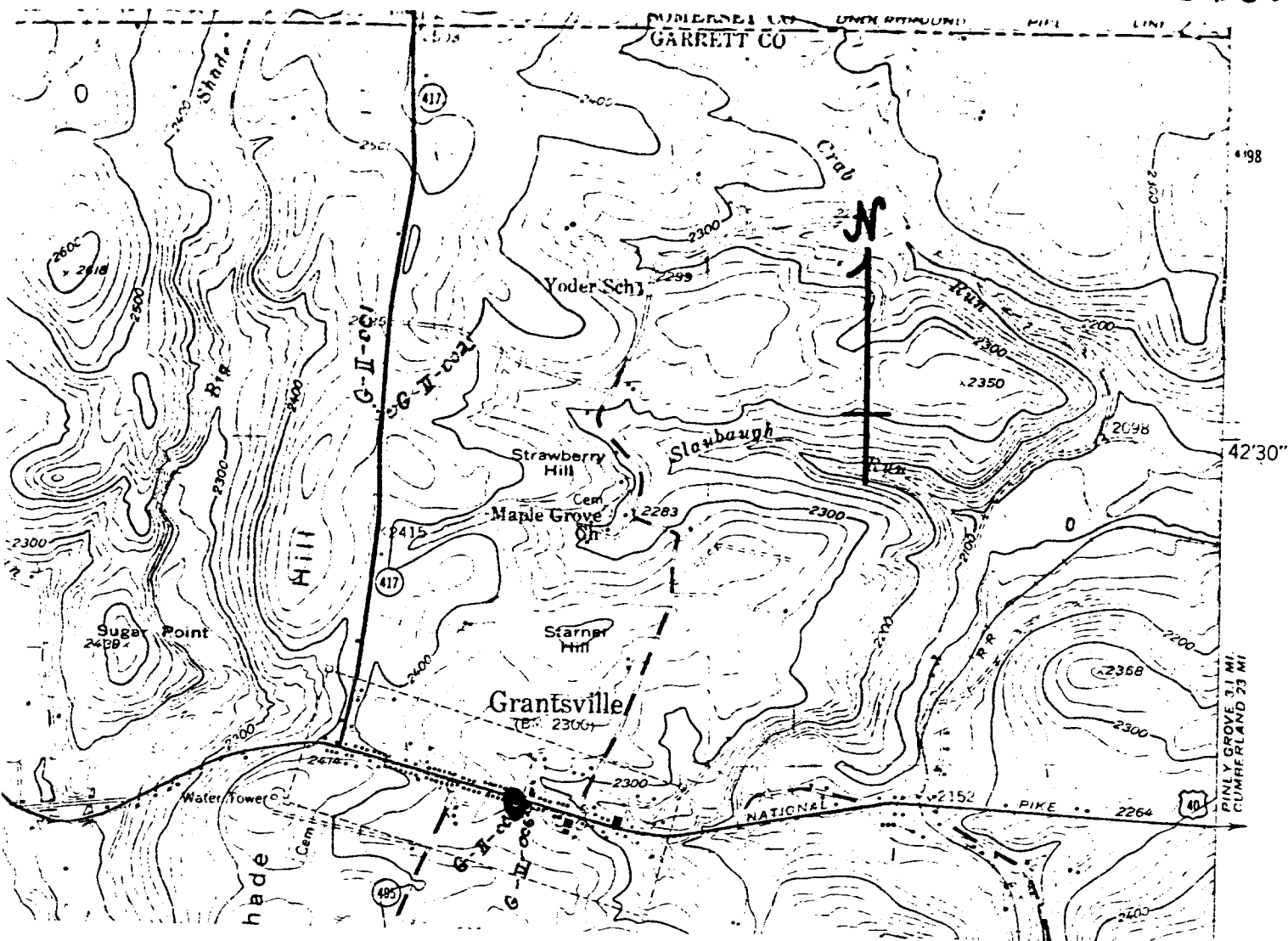
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Gwentsville, Garrett Co., Md.

not exact measurements nor to scale



MAIN STREET, U.S. ROUTE 40

Broadwater House
Grantsville, Garrett Co., Md.



Broadwater House
Main Street
Grantsville, Garrett County
Maryland

Grantsville, Md.-Pa. (USGS)
7.5 minute series
scale 1:24000
1946



7, 20 Oct '75

Frontal view from across the street.

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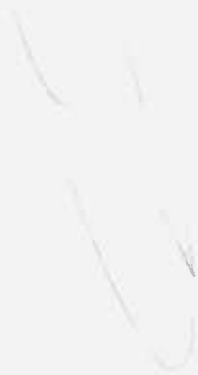


#2, 20 Oct '75

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Front door

20 Oct '75





#3, 20 Oct '55

View of Pathmont corner with parent-
United Church of Christ: idiosyncrasy in foreground.

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#45, 20 Oct '20

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West side of adit with part of face
showing



#6, 20 Oct '28

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West side of editice ~~latter~~ from southwest
corner of building. Main street in background





#7, 20 Oct '75

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Stone foundation work near middle of
building on west side.



#8, 20 Oct 75

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Rear (south) of building. Roof already
partially dismantled.



View of east side from rear with newer
section partially dismantled





#10, 20 Oct 75

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Northeast corner of edifice. No
stone steps and entrance through which
in their place of stone steps was
taken.

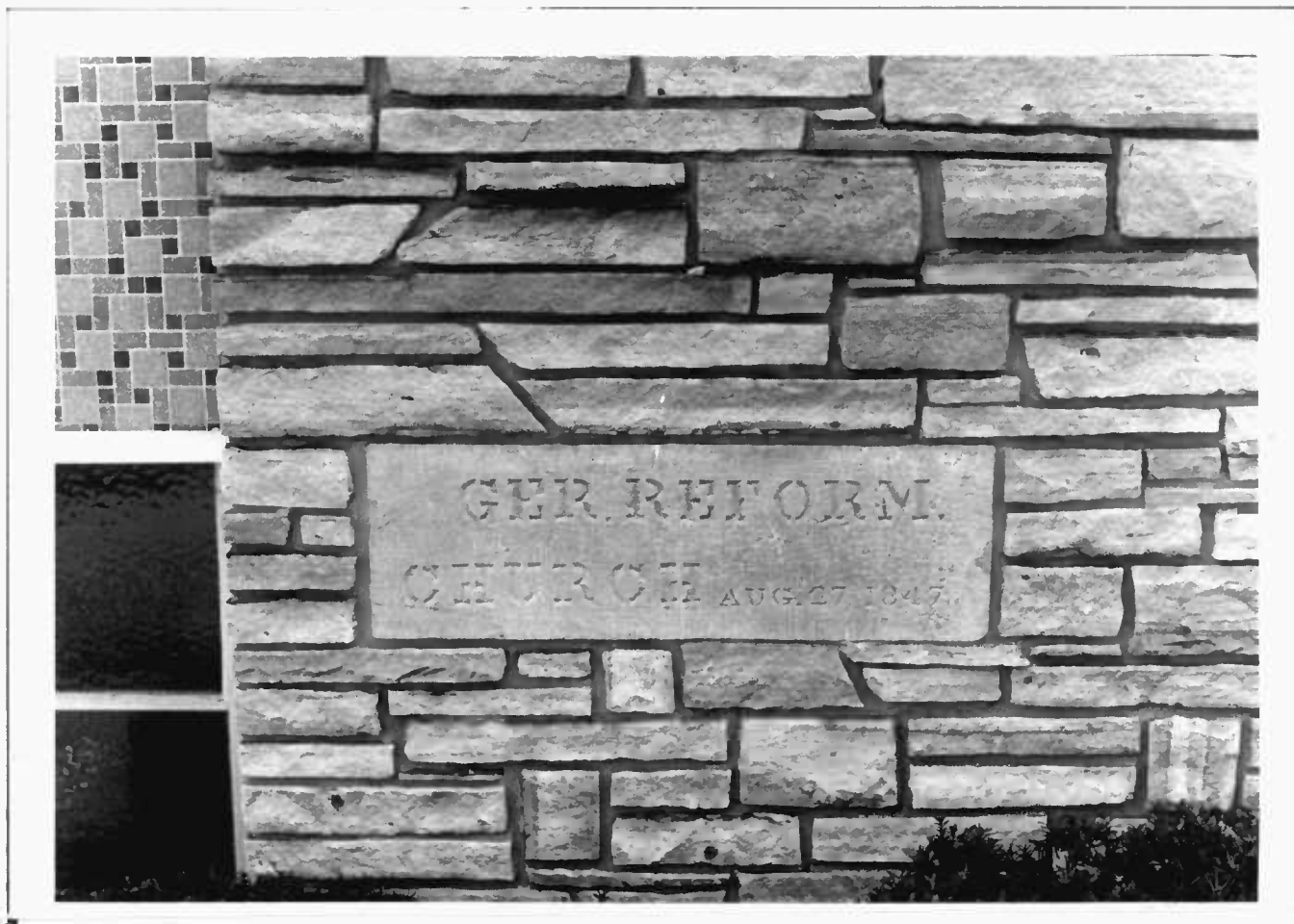


Stone work under front steps





View westward along main street
of Grantsville, Garret County, Edifice is
second from left.



GER. REFORM.

GEORGE AUG. 27 1847.

#13, 20 Oct '75

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Old (or new) (?) of parent United Church of Christ
edition.



#14, 20008/21

West side of present United Church of Christ
edified near 'cornerstone' of 1842 church
between 2^d and 1st windows

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± 15, 20 Oct 20

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Detail of front of present United Church of Christ
edifices





Broadwater-Frost House

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Broadwater House

Main Street

Grantsville, Garrett Co, Maryland

NW view

March, 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS



^{Frost}
Broadwater House

Main Street

Grantsville, Garrett Co., Maryland

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~~NW~~ view

March, 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS



Frederick Frost house

Main Street

Grantsville, Carroll Co, Md

fireplace, front room, 1st floor

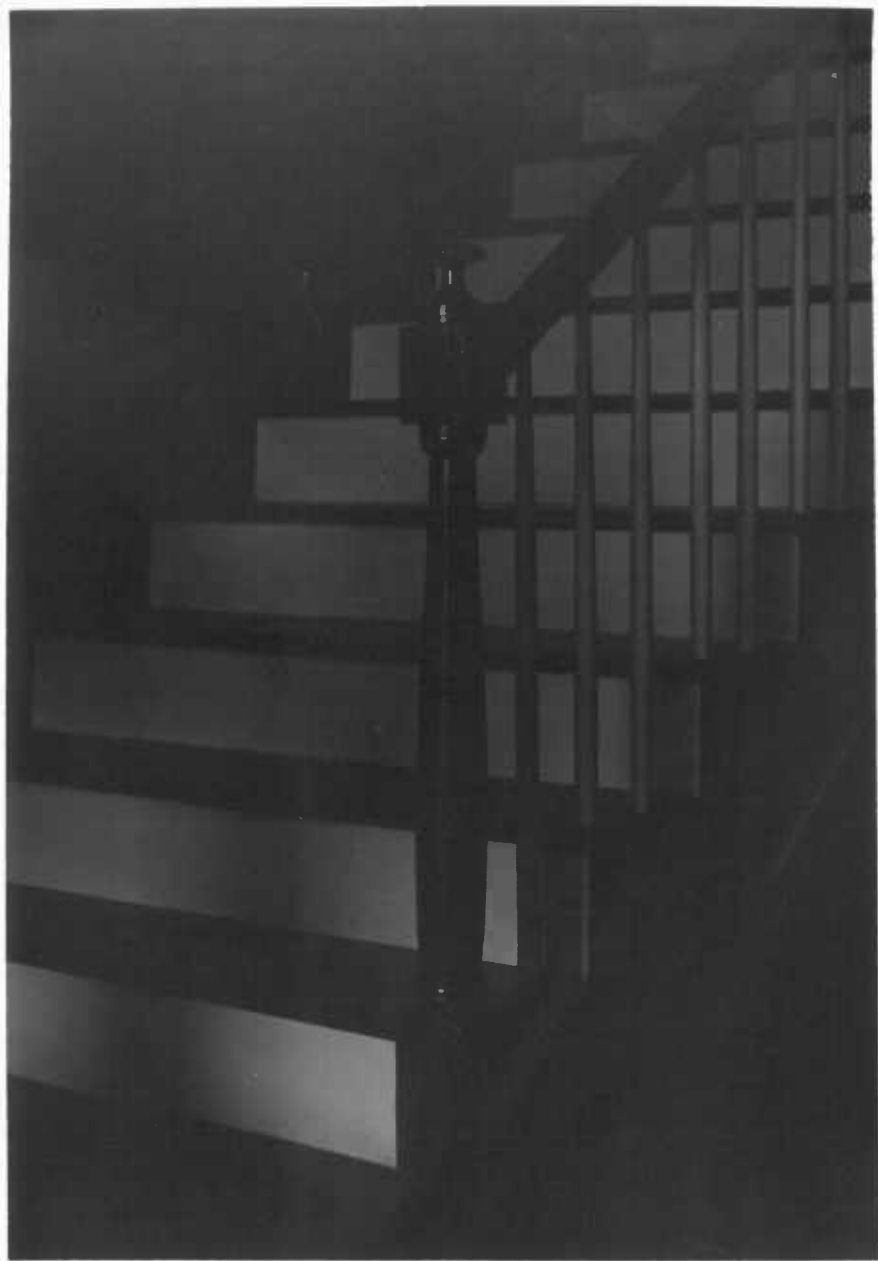
August, 1934

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Groundwater - Frost House

Main Street

Grantsville, Garrett Co, Md

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August, 1974

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